

FROM DOWN THE STATE

Telegraph News by Direct Wire from All Over Indiana

Indianapolis, Dec. 18. — C. D. Chamberlain, secretary of the National Petroleum association, in making the opening statement in the case of the independent oil men against practically all of the railroads in the state, before the railroad commission went back into a little history that he said was circumstantial, at least. This is the case filed by the National Refining company and the Tiona Refining company, of this city, and the Evansville Oil company, of Evansville, against practically all of the railroads in the state.

Chamberlain Charges Collusion.
It is backed by the National Petroleum association, and is directed partly against the Standard Oil company. "In this case," said Chamberlain, "we charge collusion between the railroads and the Standard Oil company, and we have only to refer to history in order to support our charge." The speaker recalled the time at the opening of the Ohio and Indiana oil fields when the freight rate to Chicago was 7 cents per 100 pounds. All oil was hauled from the Ohio field to Chicago for this rate, he said.

After the Pipe Line Was Built.
"Then the Indiana pipe line was built by the Standard Oil Whiting," continued the speaker. "Immediately after it was built, the railroads raised their rates from 7 to 9 cents and then from 9 cents to 12 cents a hundred pounds on crude oil and petroleum from the Ohio points. That is about all that is to be said about this phase of the matter. Of course, with these prohibitive rates, the producers were driven to the Indiana Pipe Line company, owned by the Standard Oil company."

Got Special Railway Rates.
"Then the Standard procured special rates from Whiting to distributing points in Indiana. These rates were very low and the distributing points were within twenty miles of each other," on an average. Between these points the Standard had tank wagons. The speaker said that as a further aid to the Standard the railroads put up the local rates on petroleum and crude oil between these distributing stations so that the cumbersome tank wagon system was actually cheaper than railroad shipment under the rates that obtained.

States What He Wants.
In concluding this statement the speaker asked that the commission make rates on the principle of the standard distance tariff. "On a basis similar to that employed in the Vandalia rate decision, recently handed down," said Chamberlain.

DEFEATED FACTION TO FIGHT

Cumberland Presbyterians Who Decline to Drop the Adjective from Their Name.

Petersburg, Ind., Dec. 18. — After their church has been turned over to the Presbyterian church by a close vote the defeated faction of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here is planning a legal fight to regain possession of the edifice, which has been closed. When the Cumberland church was merged with the Presbyterian church there was serious opposition, but the opponents were defeated by a close margin.

Now they have called a meeting to be held in the court house, when trustees of the old church will be elected and an attempt made to reorganize the church and secure possession of the building. Rev. Dales Hadlock, pastor of the closed church, is leading the fight and will be in charge of the meeting on Tuesday.

Merger of Detroit Banks.

Detroit, Dec. 18. — A merger of the People's Savings bank and the State Savings bank, of this city, having a combined capital of \$1,500,000, a surplus of \$150,000, and aggregate deposits of \$300,000,000, is announced. George H. Russell, president of the State Savings' bank and a former president of the American Bankers' association, will be president of the concern, the People's State bank.

Primary Bill for Indiana.

Indianapolis, Dec. 18. — Senator Chas. O. Roemer, of Marion county, has drafted for introduction at the coming session of the Indiana general assembly a bill for a primary election law which, he believes, embodies the best results of investigation of the subject in this and other states.

There's One O'Brien Girl Left.

Petersburg, Ind., Dec. 18. — Warner Carlisle and Miss Margaret O'Brien have been united in marriage, making the fourth brother in the Carlisle family to seek a bride in the O'Brien family. There is still one O'Brien girl left, with two Carlisle boys.

Poor Show for Hunters.

Jasper, Ind., Dec. 18. — Henry Coleman and fifty-three other well-known farmers in the vicinity of Ottwell, this (Pike) county, have posted their lands against hunting.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Leroy Sweetland, engineer on the Erie road, spent today with friends in Chicago.

Louis Clinton, engineer on the Lake Shore road, is on the sick list this week.

F. H. Kitchen, resident engineer of the Erie road, made a short business trip to Chicago this morning.

George McDonald of Chicago has taken a job as brakeman on the Erie road.

Charles Hart is a new switchman on the Chicago Junction road.

Word received from Raymond Bixby formerly stenographer at the Erie yard office, now at Andrews, Ind., says he is well pleased with his new position.

Gary May Become Terminal.

Bluffton dispatches state that the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago railroad may decide to make Gary its terminal point instead of running on through to Chicago, as was originally intended. General Manager J. C. Curtis was in Gary last week looking over the ground and investigating the facilities offered railroads, and it is believed the line will terminate there. It now extends from Portland to Bluffton, a distance of thirty miles, but a subsidy has been granted by Huntington and the track will be built to that city early next year. It will then be pushed on northward. It is also to be extended to the southeast to connect with some line entering Cincinnati.

Several Chicago passenger officials will leave today for New York to attend a meeting at which all the eastern railroads will be represented, for the purpose of revising passenger rates in accordance with a recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission to the effect that a through rate between two points must not be greater than the sum of local rates of intermediate points.

Unless some of the roads agree to advance some of their intermediate rates, as between Cleveland and Buffalo, the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania roads will be forced to reduce the standard rate between here and New York from \$20 to \$19.25. Should they do so, the differential lines will reduce their Chicago-New York rate from \$18 to \$17.25. All the roads profess to be anxious to avert a general reduction in passenger rates when they have it in their power to adjust their differences by making slight concessions.

If New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois follow the lead of Ohio and Michigan in passing a maximum 2 cent a mile law, the Fort Wayne line of the Pennsylvania system must reduce its Chicago-New York rate from \$20 to \$18.14 or less. This will force all other roads to make a reduction of at least \$1.75 from their present rates.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the New York Central have decided to establish the pension system now in operation on the Pennsylvania. Besides the other smaller roads are considering the proposition. According to this plan all employees who have reached the age limit are retired on part pay.

New York, Dec. 17. — The difference of one cent an hour between employees and managers may cause a strike on five great railroad systems. Two other roads are confronted with the crisis, the amount in dispute being 2 cents an hour.

The officials of the various railroads have issued statements in which they declare that under no circumstances will they grant the demand for 5 cents an hour increase to the 3,000 yard conductors, brakemen, and other employees at the railroad terminals. The yards that would be tied up in the event of a strike are: The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Lehigh Valley, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Erie, the Long Island and the Staten Island.

The only man who can prevent a strike is P. H. Morrissey, grand chief of the Railroad Trainmen, who will arrive in the city tomorrow morning.

Burial of Roadmaster.

Michigan Central railroad officials showed honor to the memory of Henry Hessmer at his funeral in Three Rivers yesterday. Special trains, with private cars attached, were run from both Jackson and Niles, taking 500 railway men and members of the Masonic order, in which lodge Hessmer had held every office and honor. He had been roadmaster of the Michigan Central for over twenty years, and had been connected with the road since before the air line was built, in which work he assisted. He was 56 years old, and well known in railroad circles.

ANTE-ENACTMENT REFERENCE

Railways Adopt a New Plan to Stave Legislation They Consider Unfair.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — A conference is being held here today between railroad officials and the heads of railway labor organizations in an effort to agree upon a substitute for the LaFollette bill regulating the employment of men in the train service, now pending in congress. The railroad companies are opposed to the LaFollette measure because it imposes a fine of \$1,000 upon every railroad company and official who permit an operating employee to remain on duty more than sixteen consecutive hours, or to resume work without ten hours' rest.

Their representatives have become convinced that the only way in which the bill of the senator from Wisconsin can be safely sidetracked is by submitting to congress a substitute having the sanction of both railroad officials and employees. Some of the railroad presidents, therefore, invited the labor leaders into conference with the hope of uniting on a plan acceptable to all interests.

PESSIMIST'S DREAM

So Viscout Aoki Calls the 'Fear That We and the Jap May Fight.

FRIENDSHIP IS TOO SINCERE

Pacific Ocean Too Big for a Fight Over Its Domination—Professor's View of War Talk.

New York, Dec. 18. — After reviewing the amicable relations long existing between the United States and Japan Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, declared that his people were fully alive to the magnitude of Japan's obligation to this country, the memory of which would be a lasting monument of the cordial friendship that cements the two nations. Eastern Asia, he said, was large enough for the commerce of all nations, and the dream of the pessimist who saw the phantom of a struggle between the United States and Japan for the supremacy of the Pacific was too ridiculous to be made the subject of serious thought.

Pacific Ocean Is a Big Thing.

Ambassador Aoki was the guest of honor at the dinner of the American Asiatic association held at the Waldorf-Astoria when he said this. With reference to the domination of the Pacific Aoki said: "Turning to the commercial aspect of the question the plain facts should not be lost sight of that the Pacific ocean is a vast expanse of water; that the territories of Japan and of the United States nowhere touch each other, and that eastern Asia with more than 500,000,000 of souls is large enough to give room for the commerce of all nations, including that of Japan and of the United States."

Question Asked Professor Tison.

Professor Alexander Tison, formerly of the chair of English law in the Imperial University of Tokio, Japan, in an address on "Japanese Law and Procedure" at a dinner of the Phi Delta club at the Aldine club, was interrupted with the question as to whether he thought the school issue in California would cause war between the United States and Japan, Professor Tison replied:

Jap Is Not a Fool.

"The Japanese are too sensible and level-headed to go to war on such a question. The government will turn their population of 60,000,000 and Manchuria to develop that country, rather than be a source of irritation to the United States. The Japanese have useful leaders and counsellors, and they have every confidence in them, and the manner in which they have handled questions in the past has been satisfactory to all concerned. The suggestion of war is absurd. There are in Japan as in this country 'yellow journals,' and they try to picture things in a horrible light, but the population as a whole pay no attention to the articles."

"DISCREPANCIES" ARE HEAVY

They Amount to Nearly a Million in a Bank at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18. — In the information made by National Bank Examiner Cunningham against Cashier J. B. F. Rinehart, of the Farmers' and Drovers' National bank, of Waynesville, Pa., which was closed by order of the comptroller of currency last Wednesday, discrepancies amounting to \$950,000 are alleged.

The cashier is charged upon eight counts with "unlawfully and knowingly making false entries in a report of the financial condition of the bank made to the comptroller, as required by law."

Business at Waynesburg is almost at a standstill. Many merchants sold scarcely a dollar's worth of goods yesterday, and some contemplate closing their stores until the bank difficulty has been adjusted. Hundreds of men, women and children in Waynesburg and the surrounding region had their money deposited in the Farmers' and Drovers' bank, and as a result of their inability to get at their savings the day season promises to be a sorry one.

Laid to Train Wreckers.

New Orleans, Dec. 18. — One man is dead, one seriously hurt and two others slightly injured as the result of the derailing of a Texas and Pacific passenger train, supposedly by train wreckers, at Waterport, thirty-two miles west of here. The dead man is Andrew Myers, fireman, and Christian J. Linn, the engineer, was badly scalded.

Made Good Its Deficiencies.

New York, Dec. 18. — The firm of Henry W. Gennerich & Co., suspended from membership in the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange Saturday for failing to make good the balances standing against them, made good its deficiencies within the time limit of twenty-four hours and resumed business without prejudice.

British Delegates To Be Peace Men.

London, Dec. 18. — Replying to a question in the house of commons Premier Campbell-Bannerman said that although he was not yet able to announce the names of the British delegates to the second peace conference at The Hague he could state that they would be chosen with the object of promoting international peace.

TWO DIED OF POISON

Deaths in the Vrzal Family Begin to Look Like a Series of Murders for Money.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — Herman Billik, a fortune-teller, is now in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the Vrzal family (six of whom died during this year) so that the mother of the dead children could collect the insurance money. Mrs. Vrzal was found dead in her home two weeks ago, a few hours after an investigation into the cause of the death of the other members of the family was begun. At first it was believed she committed suicide, but the police are of the opinion that the same agency that caused the death of the children was also responsible for her death.

Positive evidence of the presence of poison in the internal organs of Ella and Mary, two of the daughters of Mrs. Vrzal, has been discovered by Professor Walter M. Haines, of the Rush Medical college, and Dr. Lewke, of the coroner's staff. Arsenic was found in the liver and stomach of both victims, and it was there in sufficient quantities to cause death.

NAT HERRESHOFF BURNED

Severely Injured by the Explosion of a Tank of Naphtha in the Herreshoff Shops.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 18. — It is learned at Bristol that Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, the famous designer of yachts which have borne the brunt of defending the America's cup, was severely burned on Sunday by the explosion of a tank of naphtha in the machinery department of the Herreshoff shops. Two of his sons — Sidney, aged 18, and Francis, aged 13 — were slightly burned.

The two boys rolled their father on the floor of the shop until the flames in the man's clothing were extinguished. Herreshoff is suffering from burns which will confine him to his bed for a fortnight, and which may disfigure him for the remainder of his life. He sustained burns on the face, hands, arms and upper part of his body.

Bishop Foley to the Pope.

Detroit, Dec. 18. — The following cablegram has been sent from the bishop's residence here to Pius X. by order of Bishop Foley, Roman Catholic diocese of Detroit, who is sick at Monroe, Mich.: "Most Holy Father—The Catholics of the diocese of Detroit, united with their bishop and clergy, emphatically denounce the most infamous actions of the French infidel government. They offer their supreme love, fidelity and obedience."

Northwestern's New Station.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — The Chicago and Northwestern railroad is to have a new \$20,000,000 station at Chicago. Since the announcement that such a structure was to be built a great deal of opposition from property owners in the vicinity of the location of the proposed new station developed, and an effort was made to block the enterprise in the city council, but the effort failed.

Car Possesses a Hoodoo.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 18. — In the suburb of Ridgedale Thomas W. Raulston was run over and killed by a street car. The said car has figured in several accidents as No. 39 and the number was changed. Raulston and the motorman were the best of friends.

Bishop McCabe Is Dying.

New York, Dec. 18. — Bishop Charles C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dying at the New York hospital. He is unconscious and the end was said to be a matter of hours only. Last Tuesday the bishop was stricken with apoplexy.

Alton Planing Mill Destroyed.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 18. — The planing mill of the Chicago and Alton railroad shops was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

The supreme court of the United States has announced a recess of two weeks from next Monday.

A general strike has been proclaimed in all the ports in Italy, and serious injury to commerce is beginning to result.

Two men have been removed to hospitals at Padua, Italy, suffering from leprosy. They are Italians and recently returned from abroad.

The two assassins who tried to kill Admiral Dubassoff at St. Petersburg Saturday — are put to death yesterday.

The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company have voted to increase the company's preferred stock by \$66,327,100 and its common stock by \$33,163,740.

As the result of a printers' strike no newspapers at Belgrade, Serbia, were issued.

A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British channel has been deposited with parliament.

Sir Montagu Ommamney, British permanent under-secretary for the colonies, will retire in January.

The Lebaudy dirigible war balloon La Patrie, with War Minister Picquart on board, made an extended and successful flight at Paris.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad has given notice that it has increased the wages of its shopmen about 4 per cent. effective Dec. 1.

King Oscar has passed another good day. He had several hours sleep and his improvement continues.

Frank Gotch, of Iowa, defeated Fred Reel, of Wisconsin, in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at Kansas City, winning two straight falls.

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